

112 (Amended). The method of claim 110 wherein the dehydrating contracting step includes placing the pin in a vacuum.

5 113 (Amended). The method of claim 110 wherein the expanding step includes hydrating the pin.

114 (Amended). A spinal implant comprising:

10 first and second cortical bone planks each having fibers oriented in a direction parallel to a vertebral load thereon and normal to an insertion direction into the disc space between adjacent vertebra;

each plank having a demineralized load bearing surface for abutting an adjacent vertebra; and

15 means for securing the planks to each other with the demineralized surfaces coextensive.

#### REMARKS

This amendment accompanies a new application for Letters Patent. The claims 73-115 of the application are misnumbered. There is no claim 72 and there is a duplicate claim 115. This amendment corrects the claim numbering of claims

20 73-115 (first occurrence) to 72-114. Present claims 1-72 and 115 (second

occurrence)-138 remain unchanged.

Enclosed is a copy of the changed version of the claims.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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## VERSION SHOWING CHANGES TO CLAIMS

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~~73~~. An implant comprising:

a first planar member having two opposing broad surfaces having a  
periphery defining a first plurality of edges;

- 5 a second L-shaped member having a first base member defined by a  
second plurality of edges and a first leg extending from the base member at one  
base member edge forming a first recess, the first member being disposed in the  
first recess with an edge of the first member abutting the first leg, the edges of the  
first base member and the edges of the first member being coextensive; and
- 10 means for securing the first member to the second member.

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~~74~~. The implant of claim ~~73~~ wherein the abutment of the first member with the  
second member leg preclude translation of the first member in a direction toward  
the leg, the means for securing including a pin in the first and second members

15 under tension and compression to provide a relative compressive load between  
the first and second members in a direction to force the first member toward said  
leg.

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~~75~~. The implant of claim ~~73~~ wherein the first member is L-shaped including a  
second leg and a second base member which forms a second recess, the first

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and second base members overlying each other with the first leg overlying an edge of the second base member and the second leg overlying an edge of the first base member.

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~~76~~. An implant comprising:

a first L-shaped member having a first base portion and a first leg portion;

a second L-shaped member having a second base portion and second leg portion;

a third planar member disposed between the first and second base portions  
10 and between the first and second leg portions;

and means for securing the members together.

<sup>76</sup>  
~~77~~. The implant of claim <sup>75</sup>~~76~~ wherein the means for securing comprises a pin in interference fit with a corresponding bore in at least the first and second members.

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15 ~~78~~. The implant of claim <sup>76</sup>~~77~~ wherein the bores of the first and second members and the pin are arranged to place the pin in both compression and tension to provide a compressive load on the first and second members.

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20 ~~79~~. The implant of claim <sup>76</sup>~~77~~ wherein the first and second members are cortical bone.

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~~80~~. A spinal implant comprising:

a stacked plurality of planar cortical bone sheets each with a bore, the implant having a length dimension in a given direction, the sheets each having an abutting interface surface extending in the length direction with the corresponding bore at said interface; and

means including a pin extending transversely the length direction in said bores for securing the sheets together, the bores and pin being arranged so that the pin exhibits compressive and tensile forces for applying a compressive load on at least two of said sheets to hold the sheets together.

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~~81~~. A spinal implant comprising:

a stacked plurality of planar cortical bone sheets, the implant having a length dimension in a given direction, the sheets each having an interface surface abutting an adjacent sheet extending transversely the length direction and a bore at the interface surface; and

a cortical bone pin extending in the length direction in said bores for securing the sheets together.

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~~82~~. The implant of claim ~~81~~ wherein the bores and pin are arranged so that the

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83. A spinal implant comprising:

10 ~~84~~<sup>83</sup>. The implant of claim ~~83~~<sup>82</sup> wherein the curved surfaces are convex.

<sup>85</sup>  
86. The implant of claim <sup>83</sup>84 wherein the curved surfaces are each defined by at least one radius.

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87. A cortical bone implant member comprising:

a cortical bone plank defined by opposing sides each having a surface, the plank being surrounded by a peripheral edge, the plank having a fiber direction generally parallel to the opposing side surfaces, the plank have a length dimension and a transverse width dimension smaller than the length dimension, the fiber direction being generally parallel to the width dimension, the plank having at least one through bore in communication with said sides.

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88. A bone implant comprising:

first and second cortical bone planks each defined by opposing sides each side having a surface and surrounded by a peripheral edge, the planks having a fiber direction generally parallel to the opposing side surfaces, each plank having a length dimension defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse width dimension smaller than the length dimension, the fiber direction being generally parallel to the width dimension, the planks each having at least one through bore in communication with said side surfaces; and

a cortical bone pin in interference fit with each said bores wherein the pin applies a compressive load on the corresponding planks in opposing longitudinal directions.

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89. A method of forming a bone implant comprising:

assembling two cortical bone planks in parallel abutting relation;

boring at least one first bore in one of the bone planks in a first direction;

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boring at least one second bore in the other of the bone planks in a second direction generally opposite the first direction wherein the first and second bores are offset relative to each an amount such that a straight bone pin inserted in the bores is placed in compression and tension.

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90. The method of claim 89 wherein the bores have parallel axes.

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91. The method of claim 89 wherein the offset of the axes is in the range of about 0.1-10 mm.

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92. The method of claim 91 wherein the offset comprises forming the first bore with its axis at an angle to the axis of the second bore.

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93. The method of claim 91 wherein the first and second bores are at a first angle relative to the planks, further including boring third bore in the first plank and a

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boring a fourth bore in the second plank at a second angle different than the first angle.

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94. The method of claim 93 wherein the planks have an interface defining a  
 5 plane, the method including boring the first and second bores at a first angle that  
 is non-perpendicular with respect to the plane of the planks.

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95. The method of claim 94 wherein the third and fourth bores are bored at a  
 second angle that is non-perpendicular with respect to the plane of the planks but  
 10 in mirror image relation to the first and second bores.

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96. The method of claim 94 wherein the third and fourth bores are bored at a  
 second angle normal to the plane of the planks.

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97. A method of forming an implant comprising:  
 15 forming first and second cortical bone planks;  
 forming a bore in each said planks; and  
 inserting a bone pin in the bores so as to cause the pin to exhibit both  
 compressive and tensile loads which compressively secure the planks to the pin.

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~~98~~. The method of claim <sup>96</sup>~~97~~ including forming the pin from cortical bone exhibiting a fiber direction, the pin having a length dimension, the fiber extending in the length direction.

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~~99~~. The method of claim <sup>96</sup>~~97~~ including surface demineralizing the bores.

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~~100~~. The method of claim <sup>96</sup>~~97~~ including demineralizing at least the surface of said pin.

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~~101~~. The method of claim <sup>96</sup>~~97~~ including surface demineralize said bores and said pin.

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~~102~~. The method of claim <sup>96</sup>~~97~~ including fully demineralizing at least a portion of the pin and surface demineralizing the implant and said bores.

<sup>102</sup>  
~~103~~. A method of forming a bone implant comprising:  
 clamping a bone between first and second clamp members such that an end portion of the bone overhangs an end of the clamp members; and  
 removing a portion of the overhanging end portion of the bone to form an

implant plank.

<sup>103</sup>  
~~104~~. A method of forming an implant comprising:

forming a plurality of implant members each defining a plane;

abutting the members; and

5        attaching a pin to the abutting members transverse to the plane and  
 creating opposing compressive forces against the members by creating  
 compressive and tensile bending loads in the pin to resist forces which otherwise  
 tend to separate the members.

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~~105~~. The method of claim <sup>103</sup>~~104~~ including forming the implant members of cortical  
 bone.

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~~106~~. The method of claim <sup>103</sup>~~104~~ including forming the pin of cortical bone.

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~~107~~. The method of claim <sup>103</sup>~~104~~ wherein the step of attaching includes bending the  
 pin during the insertion of the pin into bores in the members.

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~~108~~. The method of claim <sup>103</sup>~~104~~ wherein the step of forming the implant members  
 includes the step of forming the implant members with first and second offset  
 20        bores and the step of attaching includes forming a straight cylindrical pin and

forcing the pin into the offset bores to bend the pin.

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~~109~~. The method of claim <sup>103</sup>~~104~~ wherein the step of forming the implant members includes forming first and second aligned bores of substantially the same

5 transverse dimension in each member and the step of attaching the pin includes forming the pin with offset sections and then inserting the offset sections into said bores to bend the pin.

<sup>109</sup>  
~~110~~. The method of claim <sup>103</sup>~~104~~ wherein the implant has load bearing surfaces, the  
 10 members comprising fibrous bone having a given fiber direction, further including forming the implant with the bone fiber direction normal to the load bearing surfaces.

<sup>110</sup>  
~~111~~. A method of forming an implant comprising:

15 forming first and second cortical bone members with a bore in each member;

contracting a cortical bone pin by dehydrating the pin;

inserting the dehydrated pin in the bore of each member; and then

expanding the inserted pin to create an interference fit between the pin

20 and bone members in the bores.

